

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS

September 12, 2005

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REPORTING FOR WEEK ENDING September 11, 2005 CROP YEAR

RELEASED: September 12, 3PM - There were 7 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 41% very short, 41% short, 18% adequate, and 0% surplus.

CROPS: Dry, hot conditions continued. Rice harvest underway in most areas of state. Corn and sorghum harvest continued. Concern expressed over possible tight storage situation and potential back-ups at river ports. Pesticides were applied to control worms in soybeans, and bollworm larvae in cotton. Some areas preparing for winter wheat planting.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock were reported to be in fair condition, though heat stress was noticed in some herds. Culling cows and calves, and feeding hay reported due to dry conditions. Some cattle being sold due to shortage of pastures and hay. Hay supplies and pastures were short in drier areas. Several reporters expressed concern on hay supplies lasting through winter. Many cattle producers buying hay from out of state. Treated forages for army worms.

Progress %					Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
CORN					6	9	29	44	12
Dented	100	98	100	100					
Matured	95	92	100	99					
Harvested	64	48	79	75					
SOYBEANS					10	19	34	32	5
Setting pods	100	98	100	100					
Yellowing	56	45	45	29					
Shedding	41	32	33	26					
Matured	27	23	27	11					
Harvested	20	12	19	7					
SORGHUM					4	16	38	35	7
Coloring	100	99	97	98					
Matured	87	76	88	91					
Harvested	52	36	65	65					
COTTON					1	2	20	55	22
Bolls Open	84	61	49	61					
Harvested	1	N/A	N/A	2					
RICE					1	5	30	46	18
Headed	100	99	98	99					
Ripe	75	52	N/A	70*					
Harvested	23	8	29	29					
HAY- OTHER					35	32	26	6	1
HAY-ALFALFA					24	44	22	10	0
PASTURE & RANGE					40	35	19	6	0

N/A-Not asked in Previous week or that week in 2004. *Three year average for 2000, 2002, and 2005.

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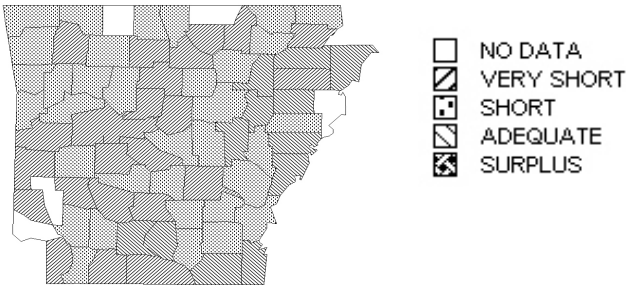
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

September11, 2005. Temperatures were above normal in most areas. Small amount of precipitation reported at only one reporting station. Hot Springs recorded the high temperature of 98^o and Calico Rock, Fayetteville and Gilbert recorded the low temperature of 53^o. Precipitation ranged from a high of 0.01 inches at Stuttgart to 0.00 inches at all other reporting stations.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: September 11, 2005

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEP FROM NORM	WEEK ENDING SEP 11	CURR SEP ACCUM.	SEP NORMAL	JAN-AUG	
							2005	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	92	53	3	0.00	0.07	4.83	22.92	29.51
Harrison	93	57	4	0.00	0.08	4.03	21.05	29.08
2 Calico Rock	93	53	3	0.00	0.00	4.08	24.28	29.37
Gilbert	94	53	1	0.00	0.00	3.73	24.19	28.60
Greers Ferry	94	62	3	0.00	0.05	4.10	24.31	32.15
Mountain Home	92	63	5	0.00	0.00	4.33	34.09	28.51
3 Batesville	96	58	4	0.00	0.00	3.58	23.89	30.45
Jonesboro	92	64	3	0.00	2.24	3.12	26.24	29.90
Keiser	91	60	3	0.00	2.24	3.65	26.22	33.10
Newport	92	62	3	0.00	0.51	3.49	22.79	31.37
4 Booneville	95	58	2	0.00	0.10	4.04	22.12	30.50
Clarksville	93	64	5	0.00	0.00	3.88	29.50	29.53
Dardanelle	95	58	3	0.00	0.00	3.56	24.04	31.18
Ft. Smith	97	60	4	0.00	0.03	3.61	20.35	28.13
Mena	93	56	2	0.00	0.00	5.07	22.59	36.74
Ozark	94	62	3	0.00	0.00	3.70	34.39	28.63
5 Conway	91	62	2	0.00	0.00	3.71	28.68	30.90
Hot Springs	98	57	2	0.00	0.31	4.05	27.39	36.94
Little Rock	91	64	1	0.00	0.12	3.71	28.36	32.53
N Little Rock	92	65	1	0.00	0.12	3.53	27.33	31.58
6 Brinkley	90	63	1	0.00	0.75	3.02	28.53	33.08
Marianna	89	62	0	0.00	0.54	3.16	25.62	35.21
Stuttgart	92	62	2	0.01	1.01	2.86	26.25	32.14
7 Hope	93	58	1	0.00	0.54	4.06	20.35	34.94
Texarkana	94	61	1	0.00	0.00	3.40	20.14	29.94
8 Camden	93	59	1	0.00	0.00	3.60	25.71	34.72
El Dorado	94	58	0	0.00	0.00	3.29	22.26	36.89
Warren	91	60	0	0.00	0.05	3.71	30.76	36.68
9 Eudora	95	63	1	0.00	0.95	2.71	26.36	38.85
Pine Bluff	93	61	1	0.00	0.11	3.20	31.36	34.51
Rohwer	94	60	0	0.00	0.55	2.91	31.19	34.70